

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the title and replace with the following new title:

--A METHOD OF TREATING ISCHEMIC DISEASE BY INTRAMUSCULAR ADMINISTRATION OF HEPATOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR--

Please delete the paragraph on page 10, lines 9-10 of the specification and replace it with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 5 is a graph showing an improving effect of HGF in relation to a surface temperature of skin in a rat model of hindlimb ischemia. The black bars represent HGF administration group and the white bars represent Vehicle administration group. Location 1 is the medial location of lower part of the thigh, location 2 is the medial location of the cnemial region, location 3 is the lateral location below knee, location 4 is the lateral location of anterior part of the cnemial region, location 5 is the lateral location in lower part of the thigh, and location 6 is the lateral location of the cnemial region.--

Please delete the paragraph on page 10, lines 13-14 of the specification and replace it with the following amended paragraph:

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--Figs. 7A-7C are figures showing phosphorylation of c-Met in a muscle, liver and kidney after administration of HGF to a muscle of femoral region of a rat.--